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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY MARCH 18

1. MIDDLE EAST. THE SOVIET PRESS CONTINUES TO IGNORE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. PRAVDA PUBLISHES A CARTOON SHOWING THE ISRAELIS NAILING THEIR SOLDIERS TO PRESENT BOUNDARIES. IZVESTIYA REPORTS THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE PLO GATHERING MARCH 20 IN DAMASCUS TO CONSIDER ASSAD'S OFFER OF A JOINT POLITICAL-MILITARY COMMAND. THE TASS REPORT NOTES THAT THE PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE "APPROVED" THE SUGGESTION ON MARCH 15. TASS AND IZVESTIYA ALSO REPORT THAT THE "ISRAELI MILITARY MACHINE " SUBJECTED THE SOUTHERN LEBANESE VILLAGE OF MAROON-AR-ARAS (PHONETIC) TO AN ARTILLERY BARRAGE. THE SAME REPORT ALSO CONTENDS THAT ISRAELI RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT FLEW OVER SOUTHERN LEBANON.

2. CAMBODIA-VIETNAM. IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA CARRY A TASS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON ON SENATOR SYMINGTON'S COMMENTS ON "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" AGAINST ADDITIONAL AID TO SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH. PRAVDA ALSO CARRIED A TASS ITEM ON SENATOR HUMPHREY'S REMARKS ON THE EXTENT OF U.S. ARMS SALES ABROAD. IZVESTIYA COMMENTS ON THE DEATH OF AFP CORRESPONDENT LEANDRI IN SAIGON, MAKING EXPLICIT PRAVDA'S IMPLICATION YESTERDAY THAT HE WAS KILLED FOR REPORTING THE TRUTH ABOUT SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. PORTUGAL. ALL CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS ON SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON GONCALVES AND GOMES. PRAVDA'S LISBON CORRESPONDENT YERMAKOV COMMENTS, WITHOUT NAMING NAMES, THAT ATTEMPTED COUP MARCH 11 WAS PART OF A GRAND IMPERIALIST CONSPIRACY (SEPTEL).

4. UNITED STATES. PRAVDA NOTES THAT "AN AIR BRIDGE" IS BEING USED TO TRANSPORT 3,800 AMERICAN SOLDIERS TO THE FRG TO INCREASE AMERICAN MILITARY STRENGTH IN WESTERN EUROPE. TASS IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORTS SUCCESSFUL FLY-BY OF MERCURY BY MARINER X. SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIYA AND RED STAR REPORT ARRIVAL OF THE NASA TEAM IN MOSCOW FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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FURTHER TRAINING IN CONNECTION WITH THE APOLLO-SOYUZ FLIGHT.

5. EUROPE. PRAVDA DEVOTES ALMOST TWO FULL PAGES TO THE KADAR SPEECH MARCH 17 AT HUNGARIAN PARTY CONGRESS. PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS DEPARTURE OF CPSU DELEGATION HEADED BY KIRILENKO TO ROME FOR ITALIAN PARTY CONGRESS.

6. WARSAW PACT. IZVESTIYA LEAD EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON "GROWING AUTHORITY OF THE SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH," CONTENDING THAT NO QUESTION OF WORLD SIGNIFICANCE CAN BE DECIDED WITHOUT ITS PARTICIPATION. THIS GROWING AUTHORITY, IZVESTIYA CLAIMS, HAS MADE POSSIBLE RECENT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE.

7. AFRICA, IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA FRONT PAGE THE ARRIVAL MARCH 17 OF GAMBIA PRESIDENT JAWARA IN MOSCOW (SEPTEL). PRAVDA ALSO CARRIES TEXT OF PODGORNYY SPEECH AT STATE DINNER FOR JAWARA IN WHICH HE AFFIRMED SOVIET COMMITMENT TO DETENTE.

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